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Section 1. Preliminary Statements

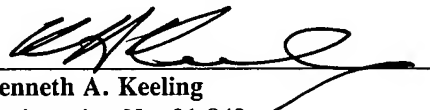
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Section 2. PTO 1449 (Now Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

PTO Form 1449 is attached hereto.

Section 3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 accompany this information statement.

Section 4. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items

1. Kuvasnikoff et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,185,140
Disclose processes for removing sulfur and sulfur compounds from sulfur bearing gases.
2. Sims U.S. Pat. No. 4,255,408
Disclose processes for removing sulfur and sulfur compounds from sulfur bearing gases.
3. Singleton et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,085,199
Disclose processes for removing sulfur and sulfur compounds from sulfur bearing gases.
4. Stothers U.S. Pat. No. 4,504,459
Discloses process and apparatus for extraction of elemental sulfur from sulfur compound gases.
5. Mori et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,341,753
Disclose processes and apparatus for converting sulfur dioxide and gas to sulfur.
6. Hellmer et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,117,100
Disclose processes and apparatus for converting sulfur dioxide and gas to sulfur.
7. Scott et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,035,158
Discloses a process and apparatus for burning hydrogen sulfide and other combustible fluids to recover sulfur.

8. Smith U.S. Pat. No. 5,498,270

Discloses a sulfur trap that includes a sphere that engages an upwardly extending cylinder in a first position and that floats in the molten sulfur contained in the upper chamber in a second position.

Section 5. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The person making this statement is:

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